

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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| 1. DATE / TIME GROUP 10 Dec 66 17/1800Z | 2. LOCATION Phan Rang, Republic Viet Nam |
| 3. SOURCE Military | 10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)(FIREBALL) |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One | |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 seconds | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Initailly object was similar in size and shape to a foot- ball, as it came nearer, it grew slightly smaller after it passed, it became rapidly smaller to a golf ball size then faded. Yellow Fireball. Appeared to fly straight and level until just before disappearance when it jerked upward then returned to origianl level. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual | |
| 7. COURSE South-West | |
| 8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |

FORM

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Astro (meteor)
Phan Rang AB
7 in ball
RUN

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INCOMING MESSAGE

11 DEC 66
PHAN RANG AB, RVN
81
10 Dec 66

Phan Rang AFB, R. U. U.

AF IN : 44455 (13 Dec 66) A/rph

ACTION: RDC-4

INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAF-OS-3, NIN-7, DIA-1 (19)
SMB B189V HHQ208VV THA730 MPC063VV APA297

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FM 35TACFTRWG PHAN RANG AB RVN

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DISREGARD

CVV HHQ208 THA730 MPC063VV APA297

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O 120910Z DEC 66

FM 35TACFTRWG PHAN RANG AB RVN

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

RUEDTAA/AFSC

RUEDHQA/USAF

INFO RUHL KM/PACAF

RUMSBJ/7AF TSN AB RVN

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HQ USAF FOR AFNIN, SAFOI; HQ PACAF FOR INTEL; 7AF FOR INTEL.
SUBJECT: UFO SIGHTING

A. (1)&(2). UFO. INITIALLY IT WAS SIMILAR IN SIZE AND SHAPE TO A
FOOTBALL, AS IT CAME NEARER, IT GREW SLIGHTLY SMALLER. AFTER IT
PASSED, IT BECAME RAPIDLY SMALLER TO GOLF BALL SIZE THEN FADED.

(3). YELLOW FIREBALL.

(4). ONE (1).

(5). N/A.

(6). NONE.

(7). N/A.

(8). NO SOUND HEARD.

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(9). N/A.

B. (1). LOOKING IN GENERAL DIRECTION WHEN MOVING LIGHT APPEARED.

(2). APPROX 22 DEGREES ELEVATION. APPROX 106 DEGREES AZIMUTH.

(3). APPROX 22 DEGREES ELEVATION APPROX 024 DEGREES AZIMUTH.

(4). APPEARED TO FLY STRAIGHT AND LEVEL UNTIL JUST BEFORE
DISAPPEARANCE WHEN IT JERKED UPWARD THEN RETURNED TO ORIGINAL
LEVEL. HEADING 040 DEGREES (UP AND OVER RUNWAY). ALT EST BETWEEN

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2500-3000 FEET.

(5). RAPIDLY GREW SMALLER AND FADED.

(6). 20 SECONDS.

C. (1). GROUND VISUAL.

(2). NO OPTICAL AIDS USED.

(3). N/A.

D. (1). 1800Z/11 DEC 66.

(2). NIGHT, NO CLOUDS AND NO HAZE.

E. SW CORNER, 35TFW COMMAND POST, PHAN RANG AB, RVN.

F. (1). N/A.

(2). DENNIS R. BULKLEY, A1C, AF 1676401, 35 AIR POLICE EQ9
COMMAND POST SECURITY GUARD. THE AIRMAN APPEARED QUITE SINCERE,
SAID THAT HE DID BELIEVE THERE WAS SOMETHING TO UFO'S. HE INDICA-
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TED HE FIRST THOUGHT THIS WAS A COMET OR METEORITE. HE IS AWARE
OF DIRECTIONS AND WHEN TESTED WAS FAIRLY ACCURATE AT ESTIMATING
ELAPSED TIME.

G. (1). CLEAR WEATHER WITH GOOD VISIBILITY.

(2). SURFACE - 260/E

500 FT. - 180/1CK

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1000 FT. - 090/18K
2000 FT. - 010/26K
5000 FT. - 050/30K
10000 FT. - 090/26K

(3). 12,000 FT SCATTERED, HIGH THIN BROKEN.

(4). 10 MILES.

(5). 8/10.

(6). NONE.

(7). UNKNOWN.

H. NONE.

I. NONE.

J. UNKNOWN.

K. AIRMAN BULKLEY WAS THOROUGHLY DEBRIEFED BY LT MATHEW BIRD,
AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER OF THE 35TFW. LT BIRD STATES THAT THE
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AIRMAN APPEARED QUITE SINCERE AND WAS FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE
OF ACCURATE REPORTING OF THE INCIDENT. UPON REPEATED QUESTIONING,
AIRMAN BULKLEY SEEMED QUITE SURE OF ALL DETAILS RELATING TO THE
SIGHTING. THIS SIGHTING WAS CONFIRMED BY FOUR OTHER AIR POLICEMEN,
STATIONED AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AT PHAN RANG. OBSERVATIONS WERE

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ALSO REPORTED AT CAM RANH BAY AT APPROX THE SAME TIME, BUT THOSE REPORTS STATE THT THE OBJECT SIGHTED THERE WAS SLOW MOVING AND APPEARED TO BE A WEATHER BALLOON WITH A LIGHT ATTACHED. THE PHAN RANG CONTROL TOWER AND THE GCA FACILITY HAD NO REPORTED TRAFFIC IN THE AREA, AND NEITHER VISUAL OR RADAR CONTACT AT THE INCIDENT TIME. IN ADDITION, THE BASE WEATHER STATION DID NOT HAVE A WEATHER OBSERVATION BALLOON AIRBORNE DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. BECAUSE OF THE APPARENT DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE PHAN RANG AND CAM RANH BAY SIGHTINGS A CONCLUSIVE EVALUATION CANNOT BE MADE AT THIS TIME.

L. NONE.

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